

VA GROUND WATER PROTECTION STEERING COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

DEQ 629 East Main Street, Richmond VA

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Meeting Summary: Tuesday, January 18, 2005

Steering Committee members in attendance:

Mary Ann Massie, Department of Environmental Quality

Howard Freeland, Department of Environmental Quality

Jody Aston, Department of Conservation and Recreation

Others:

Maria Williams, DEQ Hazardous Waste Corrective Action

Josh Rubenstein, Virginia Rural Water Association

Agencies not in attendance:

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Business Assistance, Department of General Services/Division of Consolidated Laboratories, Department of Health, US Geological Survey, and DEQ Water Division.

Following introductions Maria Williams gave an overview of DEQ's award winning Hazardous Waste Corrective Action program. The PowerPoint presentation was very informative and sparked numerous questions.

Agency updates

DEQ Water Resources Division-Mary Ann noted comments have not been received from EPA on the wellhead protection plan.

DCR – Jody reported there were three bills dealing with WQIF before the General Assembly.

US Geological Survey – Randy McFarland provided the following update in absentia.

Revision is essentially complete of a series of hydrogeologic sections representing the aquifer framework of the Virginia Coastal Plain. The sections are part of a report documenting the framework that is being drafted for publication next year. Refinements to the Coastal Plain ground-water model are also nearing completion, and calibration to complete the model will be taking place over the next several months. A separate model for the Eastern Shore has undergone initial calibration under steady-state conditions and using a coarse grid, and will soon be finally calibrated under transient conditions and using a finer grid. Predictive simulations will then be performed using the completed Eastern Shore

model, with hypothetical scenarios to be posed by the water-resource management community, and final results published next year.

Josh Rubenstein, Virginia Rural Water Association, reported Eric Shortt left the Association and Albert Crigger has been hired as the new Source Water Protection specialist. The VRWA annual meeting will be held March 21 in Williamsburg.

The next meeting of the GWPSC is Tuesday, March 15, 2005 from 9 to 11 a.m. at DEQ, 629 East Main Street. George Harlow, USGS, will give a presentation on their Shenandoah Valley Regional Assessment. Please make every effort to attend. If you cannot attend please consider sending an alternate from your agency.

